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Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, June 11, 1999

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

1:00pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Executive Session
3. Approval of Board Minutes of April 16, 1999
4. Report of the Executive Committee
 - A. Report on the Executive Session of June 10, 1999
 - B. Resolution to Recommend to the Board of Trustees the Adoption of the 1999 Edition of the Faculty Manual
5. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee
 - A. Resolution to Confer Emeritus Status
6. Report of the Finance Committee
 - A. Resolution Regarding the Tuition and Fee Schedule for 1999-2000
 - B. Resolution Authorizing Designated Members or Officers to Secure a Safe Deposit Box
7. Report of the University Relations Committee
 - A. Resolution to Commend the Winthrop University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics on the Most Successful Season in its History
8. Report of the Committee on Nominations
 - A. Election of Board Officers
9. Reports from the Representatives to the Board
 - A. Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference
 - B. Report from the President of the Student Government Association
10. Report from the President
11. New Business
12. Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

June 11, 1999

Members Present: E. Thomas Crowson, Sanita Savage Frazier, Robert Gahagan, Anne K. Hall, Watts Huckabee, Mary Anne Lake, Mary Jean Ligon, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, Skip Tuttle, David White, Anthony DiGiorgio.

Representatives: Tom Moore, Chair of Faculty Conference; Mamie Bush, President of the Student Government Association.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathryn Holten, Secretary to the Board.

Call to Order

The Board of Trustees met on Friday, June 11, 1999, in the Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall, on the Winthrop campus. David White, Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Guests included media representatives, faculty, staff and students.

Approval of Board Minutes of April 16, 1999

Mr. White called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes; Mr. Bob Thompson moved, seconded by Dr. Mary Jean Ligon, to adopt the minutes as presented. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Report of the Executive Committee

A. Report on the Executive Session of June 10, 1999

Mr. White reported that the Executive Committee moved that Dr. DiGiorgio receive an “exceeds expectations” to be reported to the State Agency Head Salary Commission, as part of the process mandated by state law. The motion passed with only one dissenting vote.

Mr. White offered the motion from the Executive Committee that Dr. DiGiorgio receive the highest salary increase possible within the State Agency Head Salary Commission. The motion passed with only one dissenting vote.

Mr. White also offered the motion from the Executive Committee that Dr. DiGiorgio's contract be extended from June 30, 2000 to June 30, 2002. Mr. White commented that Dr. DiGiorgio's performance merits a contract extension and the initiatives Winthrop is currently in the midst of require a long-term commitment. The motion passed with only one dissenting vote.

B. Resolution to Recommend to the Board of Trustees the Adoption of the 1999 Edition of the Faculty Manual

Mr. White offered the resolution in the form of a motion from the committee and it passed unanimously.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

A. Resolution to Confer Emeritus Status

Mr. Thompson offered the resolution in the form of a motion from the committee and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Betsy Brown reported that the B.A./B.S. in Environmental Studies had been approved and Dr. Roger Weikle reported that although Winthrop does not have an engineering program, the Masters degree in Software Engineering had been approved.

Mr. Thompson concluded his report by noting that the Honors Program and General Education had compatible programs. He also commented briefly on AmeriCorps, the educational initiative in outreach and service learning.

Report of the Finance Committee

A. Resolution Regarding the Tuition and Fee Schedule for 1999-2000

Dr. Skip Tuttle reported that as of June 11, the General Assembly had not determined the budget for the coming year. The resolution was presented to authorize the Executive Committee to approve the Winthrop University budget for FY 1999-2000 and it passed unanimously.

B. Resolution Authorizing Designated Members or Officers to Secure a Safe Deposit Box

Dr. Tuttle offered the resolution in the form of a motion from the committee and it passed unanimously.

Report of the University Relations Committee

A. Resolution to Commend the Winthrop University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics on the Most Successful Season in its History

Mr. Bob Gahagan offered the resolution in the form of a motion from the committee and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Gahagan noted that the admissions report was very favorable in comparison to last year. He also briefly reported on the Carowinds initiative and the Orientation program.

Mr. Gahagan concluded his report by playing a copy of the song, “Winthrop Man”, made by two popular radio personalities in Lafayette, LA, Bruce and T.D.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

In a unanimous decision, David White was selected as Chair, Skip Tuttle was selected as Vice Chair and Sanita Savage Frazier was selected as Secretary to the Board.

Reports from the Representatives to the Board

A. Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference

Dr. Thomas Moore thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in Executive Session. He also stated that faculty compensation is a larger package than just faculty salaries. Dr. Moore asked the Board to consider funding issues such as summer salaries, professional development opportunities and travel funds as part of faculty compensation.

B. Report from the President of the Student Government Association

Ms. Mamie Bush thanked the Board for allowing her to participate in Executive Session. She reported that the Student Government Association was planning its annual retreat for August and that the SGA offices in Dinkins had been remodeled. Ms. Bush noted that SGA members were participating in the upcoming orientation sessions and would promote being a Winthrop student and participation in SGA.

Report from the President

Dr. DiGiorgio stated that he appreciated the confidence of the Board and that he was committed to working hard for Winthrop University. Dr. DiGiorgio concluded his report with a brief recap of the preceding year.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

Executive Session

Mary Anne Lake moved to go into Executive Session; Anne K. Hall seconded. Mr. White invited the President, the Secretary to the Board, the Faculty Representative and the Student Representative to remain in Executive Session. Contractual arrangements and personnel matters were discussed in Executive Session with no action being taken by the Board.

Adjournment

David White adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ON THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN ITS HISTORY

WHEREAS, during the 1998-99 year, all of the intercollegiate athletic teams at Winthrop University have worked hard and represented successfully the twin goals of academic achievement and athletic accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, in particular, several teams have led their sports in the state and region with distinction, including:

- The men's basketball team, which won the Big South regular season championship and the Big South Conference Tournament, also secured a first time berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Tournament;
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- The men's baseball team, which won the Big South Conference Tournament and is the only Winthrop team to ever be invited to the NCAA Division I Tournament twice;
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- The women's tennis team, which won the Big South Conference Championship, their fourth title in five years;
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- The men's tennis team, the women's cross country team, and the women's golf team, all of which were runners-up at their respective Big South Conference Tournament;
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- The men's golf team, men's cross country team, men's soccer team, men's indoor track team and the women's indoor track team finished third in their respective Big South Conference Tournament; and
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WHEREAS, these athletes, under the guidance of their coaches, the athletic department administration, and the faculty are also to be commended for having achieved an overall semester grade point average of 2.95 and an overall cumulative average of 2.91, which reflects a dedication in the classroom equal to that on the playing field; and

WHEREAS, the recognition, acclaim and national exposure that have accrued to Winthrop as a result of the athletic teams' extraordinary successes over the past year will benefit the entire University;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees commends the President of the University, the Athletic Director, the coaches and the student-athletes, and all those who contributed to this, the most successful year in the history of intercollegiate athletics at Winthrop University, for their dedication and their leadership.

June 11, 1999

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATE MEMBERS OR OFFICERS TO SECURE A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

This resolution is in document form. To view it, please visit the Office of the President at Winthrop University.

June 11, 1999

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR

1999-2000

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher learning are empowered to determine the student fees; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at Winthrop University have examined the fee structure at Winthrop University as well as fees at other institutions of higher learning in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined the projected resources and projected commitments for fiscal year 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee recognize their fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's budget strikes a balance between actual resources and commitments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fee schedules for 1999-2000 proposed by the Finance Committee be adopted by the Board of Trustees, and further that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees be authorized to approve the Winthrop operating budget on behalf of the Board once the General Assembly has passed the Appropriations Act.

June 11, 1999

RESOLUTION TO CONFER EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, Winthrop University has been the benefactor of a combined total of fifty years of dedicated service contributed by the two faculty members honored by the proposal of emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University recognizes the loyal devotion of these faculty members who have dedicated themselves to teaching hundreds of Winthrop University students; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University expresses gratitude for the tireless efforts of these outstanding educators who have demonstrated a professional commitment to Winthrop University and higher learning;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees does hereby recognize the following as having attained emeritus status at Winthrop University with all the rights and privileges bestowed thereunto: Elda E. Franklin, Professor of Music, and Mary R. Mintich, Professor of Art and Design.

June 11, 1999

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE
ADOPTION OF THE 1999 EDITION OF THE FACULTY MANUAL

WHEREAS, the *Faculty Manual* serves as a source of information to faculty about a number of areas, including employment, campus governance, academic policies and procedures, and campus facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the *Faculty Manual* reproduces academic, institutional, and employment policies developed by, among others, the Faculty Conference and Graduate Faculty Assembly, and Academic and Graduate Councils; which policies have been reviewed by the President and recommended to the Board of Trustees for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the *Faculty Manual* is routinely revised and updated as required by procedures outlined in the *Manual*, including the convening by the Vice-President of Academic Affairs of a representative committee whose membership is outlined in the *Faculty Manual*; and

WHEREAS, this committee drafted revisions to the *Faculty Manual* which were shared chapter by chapter with the faculty and reviewed at meetings of the Faculty Conference; and

WHEREAS, the revised *Faculty Manual* reflects the recommendations of the campus community and legal counsel, and contains requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS the Vice-President for Academic Affairs submitted the completed draft of the 1999 edition of the *Faculty Manual* to the President; and whereas the President has reviewed the document thoroughly, and forwards it to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees with his recommendation that it be adopted; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee has reviewed the *Faculty Manual* and finds that it represents a carefully articulated set of policies and procedures that will best serve the needs of the Winthrop community; and furthermore commends both the faculty and the administration for a process characterized by extensive communication and widespread involvement;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee recommends to the full Board of Trustees that the 1999 edition of the *Faculty Manual* be officially adopted.

June 11, 1999